

Exhibit 18

Subject: FW: Trio fact-checking questions for book [TWLLP-UKMATTERS.FID5777836]

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Subject: Trio fact-checking questions for book
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Dear Alan

I hope you're well.

I haven't heard back from you since my request in October to interview the Trio for my forthcoming book. Before that, back in January 2019, I made the same request through Michael Roberts at Hogan Lovell. I didn't hear from him either. So, now publication is approaching, I'm sending the attached fact-checks.

As you'll see, the various sets of checks concern the Trio themselves, members of their families, and past and present ERG/ENRC/IMR employees. Kindly let me know if Portland does **not** represent any of the following:

Alexander Mashkevich
Alijan Ibragimov
Patokh Chodiev
ERG (the Luxembourg company)
ENRC (the UK company)
IMR (the Trio's private holding company)
Farhad Ibragimov
Dostan Ibragimov
Shukhrat Ibragimov
Olim Chodiev
Mounissa Chodieva
Abdumalik Mirakhmedov
Mukhamejan Turdakhunov

I'd be grateful if you could check whether any of the statements in the attached document is inaccurate, and if so, provide me with any necessary correction or clarification. Kindly also confirm on receipt that this message has reached you.

I'd be happy to clarify any of the points should they be unclear. Any responses must be received by close of business on **Friday May 1, 2020**.

Regards

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